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OACS CBT Features and Benefits

CBT training is provided in the form of video coupled with audio narrative, which provides a pathway to elucidate the operations of OACS applications. Benefits of using the OACS CBT include:

- Practical step-by-step instruction on demand.
- Optional selection of one topic within a section or the whole course for review.
- Convenient, self-paced review of training material.

OACS CBT Sections

The CBT provides a menu of outlined sections, which the employee can select and follow through at their own pace. The major sections include:

- How to use the OACS CBT
- New Features in OACS 1.3
- Writing an office action and filling out associated forms
- Accessing previously created office actions
- Managing active and completed office actions
- Writing Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) actions
- Legacy PCT 408 Conversion

Action Required

Appropriate training "**other time**" may be granted by SPEs for examiners taking this training. **Prior SPE approval is required before taking "other time" for the CBT training.** SPEs should assess the amount of training needed by their examiners and grant training time commensurate with the extent of CBT modules needed by an examiner. Please consult with your Technology Center Directors for any needed

clarification regarding the grant of training time for CBT training. The project code for this training is **090189**.

Access to CBT

Access within the PTO intranet for the OACS CBT is located via the *new* **Automation Training Tools** subheading in the **Patent Examiner's Toolkit** menu, as follows:

- **Start > Patent Examiner's Toolkit > Automation Training Tools > OACS CBT**

Contact Information

To provide feedback or suggestions, please e-mail ***Patent Automation Feedback***.

For additional assistance with the **OACS CBT**, please contact an **ITRP** in your Technology Center (See a list of **ITRPs** at <http://ptoweb/patents/km/itrps.htm> or call the **ITRP Locator** at **308-9665**).

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